

AN ORDINANCE

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**ELIMINATING THE ADMINISTRATIVE REIMBURSEMENT OF
ONE PERCENT OF A HOTEL'S MONTHLY HOTEL OCCUPANCY
TAX PAYMENT TO COVER THE COSTS OF COLLECTION FOR
HOTELS THAT REMIT THEIR PAYMENTS EARLY AND
AMENDING THE CORRESPONDING SECTIONS OF THE CITY
CODE TO REFLECT SUCH CHANGES.**

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WHEREAS, Section 31-68 of the City Code of San Antonio, Texas ("City Code") provides for a nine percent (9%) Hotel Occupancy Tax on the cost of a room furnished by any hotel located within the corporate limits of the City of San Antonio and hotels are required to remit the Hotel Occupancy Tax no later than the last day of the first calendar month following the collection/reporting month; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 54564, approved on November 19, 1981, and Ordinance No. 67104, approved on May 12, 1988, amended the City Code by providing in Section 31-69(b) that one percent (1%) of the Hotel Occupancy Tax collections due may be deducted and retained by the hotel as reimbursement for the cost of collection if the Hotel Occupancy Tax is remitted to the City by the twentieth (20th) day following the end of the collection/reporting period; and

WHEREAS, many cities do not provide for retention of a collection fee for Hotel Occupancy Taxes, such as Houston, Austin, New York, Los Angeles, Phoenix and San Diego; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends eliminating the administrative reimbursement for costs of Hotel Occupancy Tax collection by deleting City Code Sections 31-69(b) and 31-73(a) which will result in an estimated \$423,343.00 in additional Hotel Occupancy Tax collection; **NOW THEREFORE:**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. The administrative reimbursement of one percent of a hotel's monthly Hotel Occupancy Tax payment to cover the costs of collection for hotels that remit their payments early is eliminated.

SECTION 2. City Code of San Antonio, Texas Sections 31-69(b) and 31-73(a) are deleted in their entirety.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall be effective on October 1, 2005.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 15th day of September, 2005.

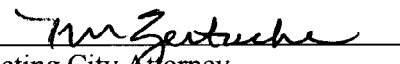
ATTEST:


City Clerk


MAYOR

PHIL HARDBERGER

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


for Acting City Attorney